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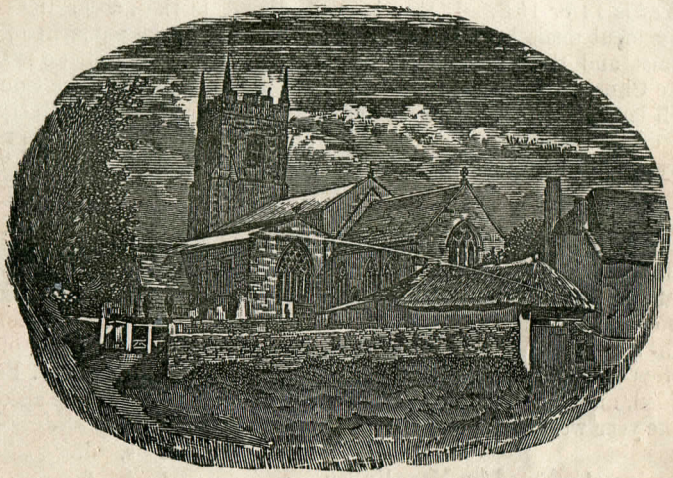

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Church Services.

BERE REGIS.—Snudays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, December 4th, at Morning Service.
" Christmas-Day, 8-30 a m. and "
Advent Services, Thursday, Dec. 1st, at 7-30 p-m.
" " " 8th, "
" " " 15th, "
" Wednesday " 21st, "
(St. Thomas' Day.)

OFFERTORY.

The Collections on November 6th, for Church Music and Warming Funds amounted to — Morning, £3 0s. 11d., Evening, 10s. 10d., total, £3 11s. 9d. The Easter Collections amounted to £4 13s. 10d., so that at present the total sum collected is £8 5s. 7d. The amount *required* is 14 or 15£. It may be well to explain that, according to an arrangement made by the Vestry many years ago the payment of the Organist and the expenses of the warming of the Church do not fall on the Church Rate, but are paid for by Collections made in the Church. It will be seen that this year the amount at present in hand is very far short of the sum required. Mr. Farrer hopes some parishioners will kindly help him to meet the deficiency.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Bible Society was held in the Hall, which was lent for the occasion, on Wednesday, the 2nd of November. Unfortunately it was a wet night, and consequently the attendance was not so good as last year. The Rev. E. George, the Secretary for the South-Western District, gave a very interestiug address, telling of the progress of the Society's work in all parts of the world. Mr. Farrer presided, and Mr. Blackburn also addressed the meeting. The accounts for the year were as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Collected by Mrs. Bullen	1	3	6
" Mrs. Howes	1	7	9
" Mrs. Bemister ...	2	2	0
Meeting, 1897	1	5	9
Mr. Mansel Pleydell	1	0	0
	£ 6	19	0

This year Mr. Mansel Pleydell contributed £1, and 19s. 8d. was collected at the Meeting.

The total contributed by the Bere Regis branch since its formation in 1847 is £645 6s. 10d.

THE SYNOD.

Mr. Hibbs, Mr. Tozer, and Mr. Gregory, have been chosen as the Lay Representatives for Bere Regis, and Mr. Kent and Mr. Stacey, for Kingston.

ENTERTAINMENT.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by those who were present at Dr. Seaton's Entertainment at the Hall, on Monday, the 21st November. The arrangement with Dr. Seaton had partly been made with a view to

providing a treat for the Sunday School Children. Tickets were also given to the Boys' Brigade, and the attendance was very good, about 99 per cent. Children under 7 were not invited. The number of tickets issued was 104; 63 boys and 41 girls. The conjuring tricks were most amusing, the handkerchief and card tricks, the coin in the orange, the cheque in the candle, and the live bunny-rabbit in the tin; each seeming in its turn the most incomprehensible. Dr. Seaton's plate spinning was also watched with great interest, but earthenware pan spinning is not recommended for mahogany tables. Miss Marie Clifford played "Tom Bowling" and other well-known airs on the finger glasses, to the delight of the audience. This part of the performance closed with some songs, &c., by the Phonograph. Judging by the eager eyes and continuous laughter we may safely say that all present, not *only* the children, thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening's entertainment.

C. M. S.

The Rev. A. Baker, the Hon. District Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, has asked permission to print the following Letter, and to distribute with the Magazine, the Circular called, 'The Coming Centenary':—

"By the kind permission of your Vicar, I am writing to you on the subject of Foreign Missions. I remember with joy your interest in the subject at the Meeting held in March last, and I am hoping to address you again in February, 1899, but my object at this time is to bring before you, the Coming Centenary of the Church Missionary Society, which take place in April next. Great preparations are being made for this in Great Britain, her Colonies and Dependencies. The Committee of the Society feel that the important question is, What *is* to be

The Practical Outcome of the Centenary?

They say that, "for large pecuniary results all friends of the work would be thankful, in view of the doors open on all sides, and the grand possibilities of the new century." But surely such results are the last and least for which we should work and pray. A deep sense of our own national privileges and responsibilities, a truer grasp of the opportunities of the hour, a warmer recognition of the Great Love that has reached and blessed us, and a clearer heart-response to the Command which lays on us this work. These things may well be looked for as the outcome of what is to be done and said on these memorable days, with the after-fruits of a larger dedication of ourselves to that work, greater frequency and urgency of prayer to the Lord of the Harvest and a brighter outlook for His return, whose path is being prepared by every missionary life, and gift, and intercession."

THE MAGAZINE.

The Magazine is completing its twelth year, and the Editor again thanks all his Subscribers, most of whom have helped him with the Bere Regis Monthly from its first appearance in February, 1887. Gratitude of course implies a hope of continued kindness. The names of Subscribers will be printed in the next Number. Mr. and Mrs. Farrer have also to thank almost all the Shilling subscribers for paying in advance. It is hoped that the January Magazine will appear with a new picture on the outside. The old one has for a long time been worn out.

A RETROSPECT.

On turning over the Volume of the Magazine, a great many events are brought to our memories.

The following Summary will, it is hoped, be found interesting :—

On April the 6th, 1887, Hyde House was burnt.
Later in the year was The Jubilee.
In the Winter of 1887, the Village Street Lamps were first used.
During the early part of 1888, was a long period of very severe frost, and there was a memorable fall of snow on February 14th, traces of which remained as late as the 8th of March.
In 1888, arising out of the interest taken in the Sunflower Prizes, the Flower Show was started.
The Curtains over the West and South Doors of the Church were put up in this year.
The Kingston Reading Room was built by Mr. Mansel Pleydell in this year as a Jubilee Memorial.
In 1889, the County Council was established.
The Confirmation in April, when there were 249 Candidates presented in our Church, will not be forgotten.
In 1890, Milborne Stileham was separated (ecclesiastically) from Bere Regis.
1891, was the Census year. Our population was 1144.
That of Kingston, 500.
Free Education and the Fee Grant came just in time to save our Schools from collapse.
There were 39 inches of Rain. A Frost of 56 days, began November 24th, 1890.
1892, General Election. Constitutional Club started.
Technical Education began.
Oct. 9th, Panic in Church caused by a clock weight falling.
1893, Attack on the Church in Wales.
The Heath School Class was built (£100.)
The Rye Hill Scotch Fir was destroyed in a gale on Dec. 12th.
1894, the Church Floor was relaid with oak bricks (£150.)
First Parish Council Election, Dec. 5th.
1895, Twelve inches of rain between Oct. 19 and Nov. 17.
163 oak Church Chairs, in place of old deal ones (£56.)
24 more were added in 1897.

The record has of course much to say about many things besides these few matters here referred to. When bound up in a Volume, say of five years, the Magazine becomes a very interesting and useful record of Parish History.

BERE REGIS.

BURIALS.—Nov. 12, Albert Edward Snare, aged 23 years.
Nov. 22, Jane Read, aged 4 years.